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Governor Appoints Dawn Suyenaga and Carl Morton to the Hawaii State Ethics Commission

Governor Cayetano has appointed Dawn Suyenaga and Dr. Carl Morton as the newest members of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission.

Ms. Suyenaga is Vice President/Secretary and General Counsel for Gentry Homes, Ltd. She is an attorney and a member of the Hawaii and California Bar Associations, as well as the American Bar Association. Ms. Suyenaga's term on the Commission runs until June 30, 2002.

Dr. Morton is a practicing physician in Honolulu. He is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, as well as a member of the American Medical Association, the Hawaii Medical Association, and numerous other medical societies. In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Morton is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. His term on the Commission runs until June 30, 2003.

Aloha Commissioner Cashmere

Kirk Cashmere completed his term as a member of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission on June 30, 1999. Mr. Cashmere was appointed to the Commission by Governor Cayetano in 1996.

We send our best wishes to Mr. Cashmere.

1999 Ethics Conference to be Held in Rhode Island

Members of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission will travel to Providence, Rhode Island this December to participate in the annual conference of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws ("COGEL"). The conference will feature plenary and concurrent sessions on governmental ethics, elections, campaign finance, freedom of information, and lobby law regulation. Conference participants are expected to include federal, state, provincial, and local government representatives from the United States and Canada, as well as other countries.

The COGEL conference will be held from December 5-8, 1999. Registration materials for the conference will be available in August. If you are interested in attending the conference or would like more information about the conference, contact the Hawaii State Ethics Commission. You can also contact the COGEL secretariat for registration information at the Center for Governmental Studies, 10951 West Pico Boulevard, Suite 120, Los Angeles, California 90064-2126 (Telephone (310) 470-6590). Or visit COGEL's website at www.cogel.org.

State Officials Report Gifts Received on Annual Gifts Disclosure Statements

June 30, 1999 was the deadline for state officials to file gifts disclosure statements with the Hawaii State Ethics Commission for gifts received during the period from June 1, 1998 to June 1,

1999. The State Ethics Code requires state legislators, employees, and board and commission members to file annual gifts disclosure statements with the Commission if they meet all of the following conditions:

1. The individual or a spouse or dependent child receives from one source (a) any gift greater than \$200, or (b) gifts whose combined value is greater than \$200;
2. The source of the gift or gifts has interests that may be affected by official action or lack of action by the individual; and
3. The gift(s) is not exempted from the disclosure requirements by the ethics code.

The Commission distributed information about the gifts disclosure requirements and reminders about the filing deadline to all state agencies earlier this year. State officials who did not receive any reportable gifts during the reporting period were not required to file a gifts disclosure statement with the Commission.

This year, state officials reported receiving gifts that included airfare, lodging, and ground transportation for trips; registration fees for conferences; food and beverages; tickets and passes to special events; internet access and e-mail accounts; and books and publications. All gifts disclosure statements filed with the Commission are public records.

Applications Being Accepted for Ethics Staff Attorney

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission is accepting applications for a staff attorney. Job duties and application requirements are as follows:

Minimum qualifications: JD or LLB degree, member of Hawaii Bar. Major duties include: Researching and writing legal opinions; advising state officials, state employees, and the public on the State Ethics Code (chapter 84, HRS) and the Lobbyists Law (chapter 97,

HRS); conducting investigations; representing the Commission or complainants in administrative hearings; drafting legal documents relating to complaints; educational activities; reviewing disclosure documents and other documents filed with the Commission for

compliance with the law; preparing documents for Commission meetings; drafting proposed legislation and legislative testimony, and administrative duties. Much handling of confidential information. Writing ability is particularly important. Salary to \$47,000/year. Send resume and writing sample by 4:30 p.m., July 30, 1999, to: HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, P.O. Box 616, Honolulu, Hawaii 96809. Applications will be kept confidential.

~ Ethics Quiz ~

Question: You recently retired from your job as a state employee. Your former state department would like to hire you back temporarily to complete a special project. Do the ethics laws allow the department to contract with you for your services?

Answer: Yes. The ethics laws impose certain restrictions on former state employees. These "post employment restrictions" include prohibitions against representing others, for compensation, on certain matters. But these restrictions do not prohibit any state agency from contracting with a former employee to act on a matter on behalf of the State, and do not prevent a former employee from appearing before any agency in relation to such employment. (HRS § 84-18(d))

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